

Kentucky Information Resource Management Commission
Meeting Minutes
June 13, 1996

MEMBERS: Chairman Chris Clark, Charles Anderson, Steve Dooley, Sally Hamilton for Virginia Fox, Richard Belding for Jim Nelson, Nancy Ward, Jim Ramsey, Jerry Frantz, Ron Moore, William Bowdy and Deborah Patterson.

STAFF: Douglas Robinson, KIRM Executive Director; Susan Carson Lambert, GIS Executive Director; Shirley Rodgers, Melissa Lamb and Jessamine Saufley, KIRM.

GUESTS: Paul Warnecke, Lloyd Ballard, Pat Rigley, Jerry Estill, Edward Fields, Jas Sekhon, Kent Annes, Karen Seeders, Mary Jo Rodgers, Tricia Casey, Jay Vetter, and Dretta Christian.

The Kentucky Information Resources Management Commission convened at 1:00 p.m., at the Department of Information System's Video Conference Center at Frankfort Place, Frankfort, Kentucky, with video connections to Louisville, Northern Kentucky, and Bowling Green. Chairman Chris Clark called the meeting to order and welcomed Jim Ramsey, Transportation Cabinet, as a new member, serving as the designee for the Transportation Cabinet Secretary.

The minutes for April 29, 1996, were approved as distributed.

Chairman Clark asked Ken Walker to provide a Justice Work Group report. Mr. Walker reported that staff had conducted a preliminary screening of the Attorney General's Information Resources Plan and the work group also met with representatives from the Office of the Attorney General. He stated that the work group recommended approval of the plan. Motion was seconded. The plan was approved unanimously.

Chairman Clark stated that there were some concerns at the April 29, 1996, KIRM Commission meeting, relating to the Research and Development Committee's recommendation to award a grant to the Bluegrass Area Development District's to establish a "Digital Economic Directory". As a result, Chairman Clark asked staff to meet with representatives of the Bluegrass Area Development District (BGADD) and the Economic Development Cabinet and to report at the next Commission meeting. Mr. Robinson reported that he met with the representatives of BGADD and the Economic Development Cabinet. He stated that a level of arbitration was not established, and both parties were unable to agree to move forward with a cooperative approach.

Chairman Clark asked member Jerry Frantz, Economic Development Cabinet, to express the Cabinet's concerns regarding the grant proposal. Mr. Frantz stated the Cabinet had no technical issues with the proposal, but five primary areas of concern which are: usability of information on the site maps, sustainability concerning the cost contribution from local communities, partnerships between smaller communities, participants and/or potential partners such as the Cabinet were not fully aware of project and

that the project would proceed without grant funding from the Commission.

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Chairman Clark asked Kent Annes, Bluegrass Area Development District, to express his concerns to the Commission. Mr. Annes informed the Commission of their coordination of efforts, their presence on the World Wide Web, and the sustainability of in-kind support and ongoing community contributions to maintain the effort. He also stated that all information will be made public. Chairman Clark also recognized Jas Sekhon, the Executive Director of the Bluegrass Area Development District, to present his concerns and comments. Mr. Sekon expressed his Board's support for the proposal and the need for more interagency cooperation in this arena.

Discussion followed with members stating that they support a cooperative effort not a competitive one. Motion was made to accept the proposal and seconded. Further discussion continued. Ron Moore added that he feels the Economic Development Cabinet should work collaboratively with Bluegrass Area Development District. Bill Bowdy expressed similar concerns noting that a cooperative venture among these agencies would be helpful to the state and promote all economic development interests. He further suggested that the use of GIS technology would be a model for other jurisdictions on the use of GIS in economic development. Charles Anderson observed significant disagreement among members as to how innovative the proposal was and whether more value could be achieved from another proposal. Jerry Frantz stated that BGADD will go forward with the project regardless of the KIRM Research and Development Grant monies. Chairman Clark called for the Commission to vote on approval of the "Digital Economic Development Directory" proposal. Motion did not carry. Steve Dooley offered an explanation of his vote and added he would like for BGADD to consider applying next year.

Chairman Clark stated the remaining \$29,000 in KIRM's Research and Development grant monies need to be allocated before June 30th. He called a meeting of the Research & Development Committee to determine an alternate finalist to present to the Commission for approval before the end of the fiscal year.

Chairman Clark asked Ron Moore to provide an update on the Communications Advisory Council (CAC) activities. Dr. Moore stated that CAC is looking for methods to assist KET with the management and policy issues regarding KTLN and is exploring the issue of a statewide "Intranet".

Steve Dooley, representing Jim Nelson, updated the members on the activities of the Information Policy Committee. He stated three bills were introduced in the last legislative session dealing with open records. House Bill 223, which suggested limiting the use of state databases for commercial purposes; House Bill 808, which would restrict access to open records by convicted felons, and; House Bill 106; which would seek a constitutional amendment for a fundamental right to privacy. Mr. Dooley reported that none of the bills passed the General Assembly during the session.

Chairman Clark asked Doug Robinson to provide an update on the KIRM office activities. Mr. Robinson asked members to review the Memorandum of Agreement for the KIRM Research and Development grant recipients. He reported that KTLN has forty-eight new sites coming on-line in Year II. He added that

KIRM has signed a contract with the Appalachian Regional Commission (ARC) for telecommunications grant money, and KIRM is looking for partners to participate in this

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effort, with grant funding expected to be awarded in late fall. Mr. Robinson also reported that the Kentucky Information Highway (KIH) will be represented at the Kentucky State Fair August 15th-25th with KIRM participation. He added that the video promoting the KIH is currently being edited and will be completed in August. He also reported that the KIH information session at the recent Governor's Local Issues Conference registered an attendance of over 250 attendees.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 2:45 p.m.